



# Crop Progress and Condition

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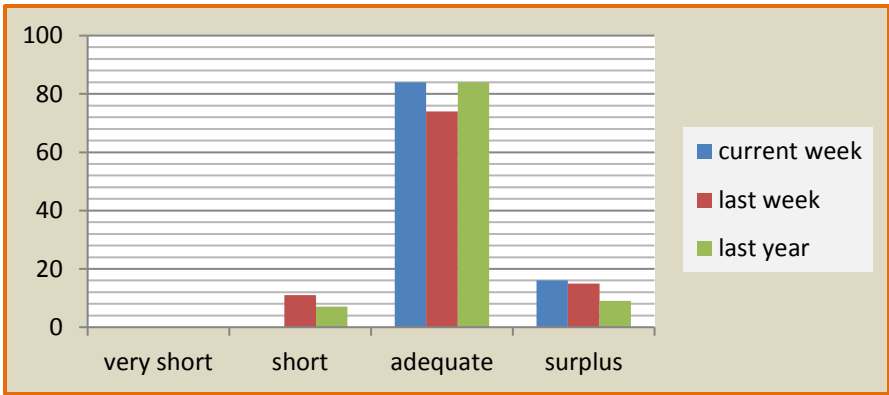
**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.4. Weather conditions were hot and wet; precipitation amounts were up this week, making it harder for fieldwork to be done. Farmers will need some drying days before they can get back on the fields. Farming activities this week included planting corn and soybeans.

### SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 05/20/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	-	84	16
Subsoil	-	-	93	7
Hay & Roughage	-	22	70	8
Feed grain	-	10	90	-

-Represents zero.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 05/20/18



### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 05/20/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	22	68	9
Peaches	-	3	31	66	-
Hay	1	4	26	66	3
Winter Wheat	-	3	30	57	10
Pasture	1	15	29	44	11
Cattle & Calves	-	-	31	60	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	29	62	8

- Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 05/20/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Corn planted	25	21	56	42
Corn emerged	9	4	21	18
Hay first cut	5	-	3	4
Soybeans planted	17	14	41	23
Soybeans emerged	3	-	8	5
Winter Wheat headed	30	25	72	42

- Represents data not available or zero.

**Weather Summary-** For the week ending May 20, 2018

This week, above average temperatures occurred all week across the State again. All stations were at least six degrees above average with Elkins, Huntington, and Parkersburg being 11 degrees over normal. Several stations recorded high temperatures in the 90s, with the average highs for the week being around 88 degrees. Most low temperatures dropped to the 50s and 60s. Several days of thunderstorm activity occurred during the week, and with a lot of moisture in the atmosphere, precipitation amounts were above normal for nearly all stations. Many stations recorded over two inches and five sites recorded over three inches. Nearly every station had over one inch. As with the nature of thunderstorm activity, Charleston was an oddity as several storms passed by, but did not hit the capital city.

Temperatures: Williamson and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 93 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 49 degrees. The state average temperature was 70 degrees.

Precipitation: Keyser had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 4.01 inches. Charleston had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.58 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 2.10 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 05/20/18									
Temperature					Precipitation				
Station	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	82	57	69		1.05		7.84	7.79	
PARKERSBURG	88	63	73	11	1.55	0.97	7.91	7.66	6.17
CRESTON	91	59	72		1.32		7.49	6.31	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	88	60	71		1.14		9.28	9.42	
CLARKSBURG	90	61	72	10	1.07	0.96	9.09	8.75	6.47
BELINGTON	89	59	71		3.31		11.04	8.19	
WESTON	90	61	72		1.75		9.95	9.47	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	93	62	74		1.09		7.53	11.75	
HUNTINGTON	90	64	75	11	1.10	1.07	6.24	6.12	6.63
CHARLESTON	90	61	73	9	0.58	1.11	6.67	9.65	6.47
RIPLEY	91	57	72		1.46		7.43	6.36	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	82	49	65		2.81		12.19	10.77	
ELKINS	86	56	69	11	3.35	1.19	10.93	7.44	7.32
MARLINTON	88	55	68		2.30		9.89	9.22	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	85	55	68	8	1.54	1.09	7.60	8.86	6.54
PINEVILLE	89	58	71		1.86		8.80	12.47	
BLUEFIELD	85	51	69	6	2.85	0.97	8.39	11.32	6.23
WHITE SUL SP	88	56	68		2.12		9.09	8.38	
BLUESTONE DAM	88	58	69		3.27		9.39	10.59	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	90	51	67	6	3.81	0.93	9.71	9.88	6.21
KEYSER	93	52	67		4.01		11.12	7.87	
MOOREFIELD	88	56	69		2.79		9.79	5.97	
State Average Temperature	70								
State Average Precipitation	2.10								

Source:  
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.

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